BUILDINGS ACT.—"STRIPPING AND RECOVERING ROOFS."—SCHED. G.—In your very useful journal, No. 509, you have reported a case from a correspondent, headed "*Hiscocks v. Meears*," which is calculated to convey a wrong impression, as the opinion of the magistrate does not properly appear. The magistrate observed, "That there was no doubt that such works were very important for the district surveyor to attend to, and for which due notice should have been given, and that he would pay the district surveyor properly for his services, but in a different way. That Schedule L was, like many other parts of the Act, very defective, and that he was very sorry he could not determine the fees: some fees were certainly due, but they were not named." Application will, therefore, have to be made to the official referees to appoint a fee, it being looked upon as a special duty. The object of the summons was to obtain a speedy decision that such works were subject to the rules of the Act, and to obtain due notice for the future.—A. J. HISCOCKS.

RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.—Many large schemes of amalgamation are afloat in the railway world. Mr. Henley, on the part of the Government, is of opinion that a committee of the House of Commons ought to be appointed to inquire into the whole subject, particularly as numerous Bills for the amalgamation of railways are about to come before the House. *Herapath*, in reference to the subject, says:—"There has never been a railway amalgamation which has not been to the detriment of the shareholders and the reduction of their dividends. The London and North-Western have had enough of that: the Midland have had their share. Each have come down from good dividends to very middling ones, entirely by their amalgamations and incorporations with other companies. The same has occurred with the Berwick Company; and as to the York and North Midland, they are a monument of the folly and mischief of wild amalgamations and extensions."

FINE ARTS IN DUBLIN EXHIBITION.—It may be useful to mention that the department of the Fine Arts, in the Dublin Exhibition of 1853, has been confided to Mr. Henry Mogford, who will willingly receive anything relative to architecture as a fine art, and will place it prominently. The London office is at the Society of Arts, in the Adelphi.

RAILWAY RETURNS.—The total amount received for traffic on the London and North-Western Railway, for the week ending Nov. 14, was 44,056*l.* (corresponding week in 1851, 42,030*l.*); Midland and Bristol and Birmingham, for week ending Nov. 7, 23,704*l.* (corresponding week in 1851, 22,707*l.*); North Staffordshire (railway and canal), for week ending Nov. 7, 5,270*l.* (corresponding week in 1851, 4,976*l.*), exclusive of receipts under agreement with London and North-Western; Great Western, week ending Nov. 7, 17,396 (corresponding week in 1851, 15,912*l.*); Great Northern, week ending Nov. 7, 14,528*l.* (corresponding week in 1851, 10,613*l.*).

NOISELESS BRASS CORNICE POLES, RINGS, &c.—By a recent patent granted to Mr. M. Billing, cornice poles are composed of two metals, first of zinc then of brass, the combination having the effect, it is said, of deadening all jingling and noise caused by drawing the rings across them. The rings themselves are similarly treated, and the invention is applicable to picture rods, window laths, brackets, &c. The article, it is also said, can never split, and is susceptible of a rich polish and a finished appearance.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—On the 9th inst. Mr. J. M. Rendel, president, in the chair, the business of the first meeting of the session was begun. The paper read was "On the Improvement of Tidal Navigations and Drainages," by Mr. W. A. Brooks, M.I.C.E. On the 16th inst. there was a discussion on this paper.

ARCHÆOLOGY IN CAMBRIDGE.—The Disney Professor of Archæology last week gave notice that he intended to deliver two lectures upon the Roman estimate of Greek art, on 22nd and 23rd instant, at the Pitt Press.

GERARD'S HALL CRYPT.—The Corporation of London have acceded to a request from the Crystal Palace Company for the materials of the crypt taken up for the new line of street, and we may expect therefore to see it re-erected at Sydenham.

THE GLASGOW ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this Association was held on the evening of Monday, the 8th inst. in St. Mary's Hall, Renfield-street—the retiring president, Mr. Boucher, presiding. The business of the meeting chiefly embraced the reading of the secretary's report, the election of office-bearers for the following session, and the delivery of relevant addresses by several of the members. Mr. Charles Heath Wilson, director of the Government School of Design, has become the patron of the Association.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—Mr. Thomas Allan, of Edinburgh, has just suggested an arrangement for keeping up a constant distance between the carbon points in the production of the electric light. The two electrodes are formed spirally, and, each bearing its carbon point, they are placed perpendicularly to each other at a proper distance, and made to revolve slowly by a simple clock-work movement. As the distance by the action of the current is gradually being increased, the points are always gaining their proper position by the rotation of the electrodes presenting fresh points of action.

EXTENSIVE ARCHITECTURAL RUINS ON AN ISLAND IN THE NORTH PACIFIC.—At Tinian, one of the Ladrone islands, according to the *Edgartown* (U.S.) *Gazette*, the ruins of an ancient and magnificent city have been discovered. The principal street is said to be about three miles in length, and all the buildings of a dark stone. About the centre of the main street are twelve solid stone columns, six on each side of the street: they are about 45 or 50 feet in height, surmounted by capstones of immense weight. The columns are 10 feet in diameter at the base, and about 3 feet at the top, and each stone or column, it is thought, would weigh about 60 or 70 tons, and each capstone about 15 tons. One of the columns had fallen. From the principal street a large number of other streets diverged, all straight, and the buildings all of stone. The city is entirely overgrown with cocoa-nut trees, 50 and 60 feet in height. In the main street pieces of common earthenware were found. The Spaniards took the island from the Knackas, who were entirely ignorant of the builders of the city, and of the former inhabitants. When questioned as to the origin of the city, their only answer was, "There must have been a powerful race here a long time ago." On the island are immense ledges of stone, from which the buildings and columns had evidently been erected. Some portions of them exhibited signs of having been worked. Are we not likely now to find, as was long since suggested in THE BUILDER, that the "far west" of the "new world," is no other than the far east of the "old," of extreme and civilised antiquity?

TENDERS

For a new Warehouse in Cannon-street, for Messrs. Cowan and Co. Messrs. Richard Tress and Chambers, architects.

Ward	£5,627	0	0
J. Wilson	4,693	0	0
J. and E. Bird	4,650	0	0
Ashby and Sons	4,594	0	0
Reading	4,479	0	0
Lawrence and Sons	4,432	0	0
J. Browne	4,347	0	0
Haynes and Eyres	4,257	0	0
Lucas, Brothers	4,120	0	0
T. and W. Piper	4,168	0	0
Bran and Sons	3,997	0	0
Patience	3,864	0	0

For two semi-detached cottages at Anerley. Mr. Fox, architect:—

Brown	1,090	0	0
Locke and Nesham	1,068	0	0
Holmes	999	7	0
Redrise	950	0	0
Bowie	929	0	0
Heard	856	0	0

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"The Thames Tunnel" (the cost of the Tunnel has been 454,716*l.* The cost of Waterloo-bridge was, we believe, 1,000,000*l.*) "Large Drains," "E. H." "Z." (next week) "R. M. P." (ditto), "T." (will appear), "Z." re T. S. "W. W." (would not be able to recover), "School of Design, Paris," "C. A. W." "A. J. H." "E. L. G." (not ready), "Scrutator" (declined, with thanks), "N. D." "J. N." "J. A. W." "S. T." "Architype," "G. G. A." "Mr. F." "G. H." (thanks), "H. M." "M. D." "J. M." "J. S." "J. W. B." "Mr. B."

"HISTORY IN RUINS."—Country correspondents who have expressed a desire to have this work, will oblige us by ordering it through a local bookseller.

"*Books and Addresses.*"—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

COMMERCIAL DOCKS. — MANAGER of WOOD DEPARTMENT.—WANTED, a suitable PERSON of active habits, and not exceeding forty years of age, practically acquainted with all the details of the wood trade. Salary, per annum, with a residence upon the premises. Applications to be made by letter, in the hand-writing of the applicant, stating previous employments, and giving references as to character and ability, to be addressed to the Board of Directors, at their office, No. 1st, Pancras-street, City, before twelve o'clock, on Friday the 3rd December next.—By order,

H. K. SMITHERS, Joint Secretary.

Commercial Dock Office, 1st, Pancras-street, 19th November, 1852.

THE LOCAL BOARD of HEALTH for the District of Otterey St. Mary are desirous of engaging the services of an intelligent man as FOREMAN, to superintend the execution of the Sanitary Works. Particulars may be had on by applying to Mr. A. WHITEHEAD, 188, Fore-street Exeter, the Surveyor to the said Board.—Nov. 25th, 1852.

TIMBER TRADE.—WANTED, in a Merchant's office, a YOUNG MAN, quick at figures, and accustomed to make out the Invoices peculiar to the Trade. None need apply but such as have been brought up to the business. Apply by letter only (with references) to O. H. D. at Miller and Blackmore's, 6, Bridge-road, Lambeth.

TO BUILDERS.

CLERK of WORKS.—WANTED, an experienced CLERK of WORKS, to superintend a Building in the Country. Letters, post-paid, stating last and previous engagements, and terms, to be addressed to H. C. N. 11, Gower-street North.

AN APPRENTICE WANTED.—A Painter, Plumber, and Glazier has a VACANCY for a respectable YOUTH, as INDOOR APPRENTICE, where he will be under the immediate eye of his master, and be treated as one of the Family. Premium required.—Apply, personally or by letter, to MR. THURSFIELD, Tea-dealer, 31, Shaftesbury-terrace, Pimlico.

WANTED, in the office of a Builder, a CLERK and BOOK-KEEPER.—Address by letter stating qualification, salary, &c. to L. K. Office of "The Builder," York-street, Covent-garden.

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WANTED, a thoroughly Practical Man, to take the MANAGEMENT of a PLUMBER'S BRASS and IRON BUSINESS. As the salary given will be made liberal, it is hoped that no person will apply who is not perfect by competent to direct a number of men, and superintend their work.—Apply by letter only, to GEORGE JENNINGS, 26, Great Charlotte-street, Blackfriars-road.

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WANTED, an ENGAGEMENT, by a Gentleman, who has lately completed his articles. He has been accustomed to make fair and working drawings, and to attend to the general routine of office work. He has also some knowledge of building.—Address M. H. A. Office of "The Builder," 1, York-street, Covent-garden.

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WANTED, by a Person perfectly conversant with the above, a SITUATION: he understands contracts, measurements are also practical; understood. Or to take part in BUSINESS where a small capital is required.—Address to E. post-paid, 11, Wellington-road, Saint John's Wood.

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WANTED, by a Gentleman thoroughly acquainted with the practical part of BUILDING, accurate and expeditious draughtsman, Surveyor, &c. a SITUATION of permanency, in either of the above offices, and who has been in the profession upwards of twelve years. First-rate references and testimonials can be given as to ability and respectability.—Address prepaid, REGATE, Office of "The Builder," 1, York-street, Covent-Garden.

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WANTED, by a Practical Carpenter, a Situation as FOREMAN on RAILWAY, HARBOUR, or other WORKS, where he has much experience in conducting and erecting of staging, centering, cranes, travellers, &c. including pile driving, coffer-dams, and attending to masonry. Most satisfactory references can be given.—Address, A. N. at the office of "The Builder," 1, York-street, Covent-Garden.

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